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Erica Kantorski strives for the ball during a championship game at Worcester Polytechnical Institute.

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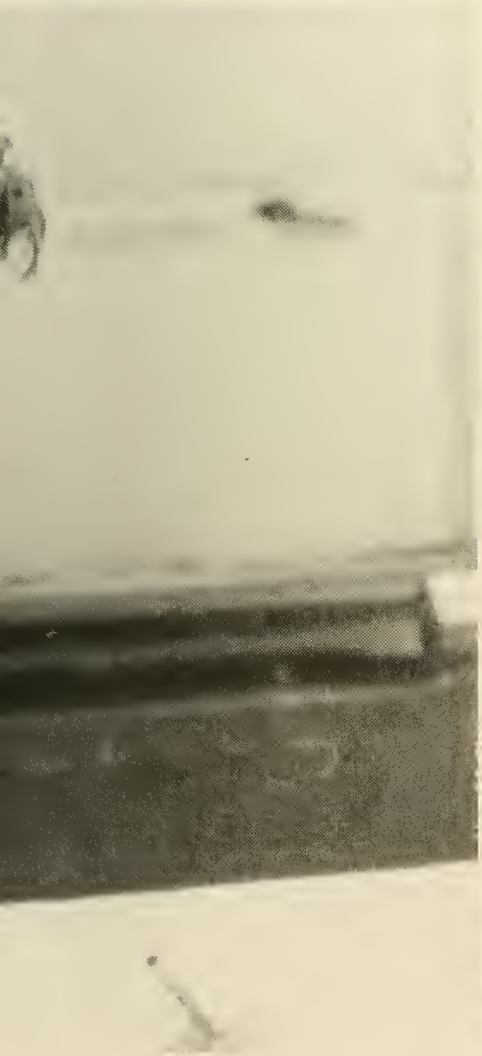
For the Southbridge High student, goals are an unavoidable fact of life. Everyone from our parents to our teachers and friends are instrumental in our setting goals and helping us to reach them. But throughout our high school career, we tend to lose sight of these seemingly unattainable ideals. And with all the distractions we're faced with daily, who can blame us? There's the big test tomorrow, the big date Friday night, and the big game Saturday afternoon. But all of these in their own way help propel us to our target; they help us hit our **bull's-eye**.

Sophomore Kevin Daniels sets his sights on perfecting a still-life drawing for his portfolio during art.

Junior James Mateychuck reflects on his objectives for the upcoming year.

The last year of high school is a time for seniors like Pamela Bernadone to determine whether they will aim for college, the armed forces, or the working world.



Sophomore William Anderson aims to express his freedom of speech during the new school year.

It seems that senior Jason French has targeted junior Peter Brown to be his friend.

Thomas Julian awaits the results of his new football 'do.

With a look of despair, Michelle Lavallee watches the Warriors' clock run out.

Heather Garland ponders the importance of setting goals.

Tequila! Erica Munson, Angela Albuquerque, and Angela Benoit cheer on the Pioneers at the Tantasqua game.

Michelle Merced observes the Pioneer Predator as he searches the jungle during the sophomores' skit.

Tammy Jacques shares a hilarious joke with Mary LaFranchise during lunch.

Matthew Leduc takes a break from figure drawing to pose for his fellow artistic students.

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Friday Night, Where To Go?

It's Friday night and the eternal question echoes from parked convertibles: "Well, what do you want to do?"

Unfortunately, in Southbridge, there's not much to do. Sure, you can always see a flick, but one can only take so much popcorn. What's a Pioneer to do? Hang out at SHS, of course!

On the school grounds one can reminisce with old friends and make new ones, all within sight of the familiar Cole Trade facade. However, the police force does not view this premature high school reunion with the same fondness as the participants. So off you go, looking for a new hang-out.

Kelly Geers spends a night at the Festival.

Hanging out at the school are Peter Maldonado, Kelly Sullivan, Matt Lazure, Kori Brousseau, and Jason Ferron.

Santino Tiberii heads for the parking lot after a late night in the building.

Jeffrey Trifone shows his friend a night on the town.

At the Fall Festival, Heidi Martin displays her winnings.

Eneida Alvarado puts on her coat in anticipation of a date.

Jennifer Giroux, Michelle Colon, and Jasmin Rivas walk through Southbridge in search of fun.

Festival Initiates Freshmen

The weekend encompassing September 9, 10, and 11 signified the return of an annual rite of passage for Southbridge High freshmen — the Notre Dame Fall Festival.

Traditionally, the Fall Festival has served the seniors with an opportunity to induct the incoming freshmen into the fraternal atmosphere that permeates Southbridge High with a practice that has been used since our parents' high school days — hazing.

Of course, our parents' methods were more subtle than ours today. In the past, initiation took the form of book-carrying and class ring-kissing. Today, the initiation of choice consists of the application of a Pioneer-red lipstick to the faces of freshmen, with cryptic markings that read "89" and "Seniors."

In the past few years, hazing has seen a rapid demise due to the enforcement of a law forbidding its practice, leading one to wonder: In four years, the freshmen and seniors will still be around, but will initiation still exist? Any answers, class of 1992?

Kristen Asselin and Tammy Birch are feeling fine after a losing bout with lipstick.

Initiation is the furthest thing from the minds of Erika Weberg and Amelia LeBlanc as they enjoy themselves at the Fall Festival.

Festival fun envelops bosom buddies James Mateychuck and Vincent Lesniewski.

Joelle Ferron expresses her displeasure at the senior logo emblazoned on her cheek.

Senior Heidi Martin waits for her dime to fall at one of the many attractions under the tent.

Jennifer Bernard displays a sampling of the many prizes won during the September weekend.

Where Does The Money Go?

As the bumper sticker says, "I owe, I owe. It's off to work I go." One might think this would be the tune that Snow White's seven friends would be singing if they were enrolled in an American high school today. Of course, since they were diamond miners, meeting their debts would prove no problem.

Not so for the average high school student. With the current rate of inflation, the present minimum wage paycheck of $3.75 an hour does not stretch very far. Luckily, because of the present shortage in the young adult job market, employers have been raising their starting salaries in an effort to entice new prospects. At McDonald's, for example, one can begin employment at approximately $5.00 an hour, with raises not so far in the future.

The only surefire way of making the money last the month is the honest way - saving it.

Michelle Alicea enters the cost of a gallon of milk into the electronic register at Park 'n' Shop.

Maritza Soto makes change for a customer while working at Pleasant Street Mini-Market.

A large percentage of SHS students earn money as grocery baggers.

Park 'n' Shop employee Juan Vazquez greets a customer.

Laurie Thibert demonstrates the marvels of fast food cooking.

Jennifer St. George, Kelly Sullivan, and Dina Vecchia take a break at the bar of Mario's Restaurant.

Friends Or Lovers?

Who said guys and gals couldn't be friends? Obviously not a Southbridge High student, because platonic friendships have begun to give romantic ones a run for their money.

Everyday you see members of the opposite sex together in the hallways, but have you ever noticed how many of them are *not* dating? Most are in it for the companionship unavailable in same sex friendships, but some have ulterior motives. Many students have been known to form study groups and then attend parties collectively.

But don't believe the high school couple is an extinct species. Many students still date; they're simply not as high-profile as before.

Rebecca Jalowiec makes plans with Shane Woodson to celebrate after a J.V. Football team victory.

Never dated, never will: It's strictly friends for Tricia Murphy and Jason Lavallee.

Melanie Richard and boyfriend Seth Hmielowski spend some time at McMahon Field.

Platonic friends Alison Bartlett and Nicholas Giovanello enjoy each other's company.

Kevin Berthiaume can always be found at the side of girlfriend Tammy Birch.

Juniors Kerri Wentworth and Christian Tremblay spend time at their lockers between classes.

Erica Kantorski eyes the luncheon selection while waiting in line.

Kelly Normandin observes Andrea Salce eating a frank-in-roll.

SHS Smorgasboard

The lunch bell's harsh ring signals the end of fourth block, which also means lunchtime for those fortunate to have been scheduled for *A* Lunch. The cafeteria, formerly a quiet study hall, has undergone a startling metamorphosis. It is now pandemonium personified as school supplies are tossed on tables to reserve seats for slow-poke friends. Chaos reigns as meek freshmen are urged to allow upperclassmen to cut into the lengthy queue.

As everyone settles down, one is suddenly aware of how far away the milk cooler is. But not to worry, as the line moves fast for the brave who are eager to taste the day's meal and slow for those who aren't.

Alas, lunch ends too soon and the return to class has begun.

Matt Julian samples Friday's perennial fishburger.

Conversation has its rightul place in the cafeteria, as Chansamone Ketnouvong knows.

Jennifer Graf discovers that lunch is the perfect time to study for sixth block tests.

Clunker Or Coupe,
We All Have Our *Auto*graphs

A hushed silence blankets the crowd as they enter the parking lot with their famous mean machines. These are the men behind the cars who wash, wax, and buff their automobiles like some parents change diapers - compulsively.

They are always willing to extoll the virtues of their four-wheeled friends. While others boast of speed, power, and price, Jason Ferron's favorite feature of his VW is, "the roomy trunk - great for stuffing in friends for drive-in discounts."

Of course, it is these freshmen who are anxiously awaiting the attainment of their driver's license so that they, too, can drive their own mean machines.

Captain Thomas Julian will never abandon *The Boat.*

For students like Matthew Vizard, bumpers provide an opportune place to display profound statements on life.

Richard MacKenzie relaxes against his compact Hyundai import.

Eric L'Ecuyer displays his prized possession.

Halloween Hocus-Pocus

In the weeks preceding Halloween Dress-Up Day, students were in an uproar. During an early October homeroom period, Student Council representatives distributed ballots concerning the approaching event. The question "Are you interested in having Dress-Up Day?" was read hastily, and the appropriate response was checked. The votes were tabulated, and the *ayes* had it!

When the fateful day arrived, costumed students entered the building to the strains of "The Monster Mash". The office administration, in conjunction with Student Council, was attempting to make this Dress-Up Day the most memorable ever.

Walking from class to class was no longer a chore, as each corner held an amazing sight. Characters from literature, song, and pop culture roamed the school before the gawking eyes of unadorned classmates, who suddenly felt exposed without a costume.

Finally, after a day of speculation, the moment of truth arrived. As the afternoon announcements blared from the loudspeakers in each classroom, a silence filled the air. With so many intricate and interpretive costumes, how could any judge decide upon only one winner? Needless to say, no judge could. Several winners were chosen, but everyone who participated was declared a winner.

Angela Blais mimes the expression of despondency that is evident on the face of Coach Jeff Theodoss after a tough loss.

Joelle Ferron pauses at her locker before hopping off to her next class.

It's naptime for Tiffany Fournier who should have no trouble keeping warm in her footed pajamas.

The King lives in Nicholas Giovanello, the winner of Best Look-Alike in this year's Dress-Up Day.

Jasmin Rivas takes liberty with a great children's classic as she portrays the Tin Woodwoman.

Tugging on her chinstrap, Casandra Misiaszek waits to be sent in with the clowns.

Kathy Hwalek and Eric Mongeon sit out a dance.

Jeanne Leck attempts to keep up with the fiery steps of Jeremy Cloutier.

William Anderson escorts Kelly Brown into the SHS gym.

Nora Loos observes as her date Jeffrey Paul tries to get his point across.

Fanning The Flame

After a cold, hard 9-6 loss to arch-rival Bartlett High School, the semi-formal festivities were necessary to erase all sadness.

The semi-formal signified the end of the fall sports season. The good, the bad, and the could've been seasons were all remembered on this night. No matter what the case, everyone enjoyed themselves at the semi.

Flaming red and silver balloons decorated the gym, giving it a festive flavor. DJ Ada Alicea made sure that the warm memories would burn forever as she played the theme "The Flame" by Cheap Trick.

The evening's highlight occurred when the crowd gathered around Nicholas Giovanello's Elvis impersonation. To further the crowd's enjoyment, Show Choir members gave a taste of their Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade performance with their rendition of "Man in the Mirror" by Michael Jackson.

Overall, the semi-formal was a night of forgetting the bad, remembering the good, and celebrating the best at SHS.

Dario Tiberii and Laurie LePage dance the night away.

Humberto Alvarado discusses the merits of the night with a friend.

When The Last Bell Rings

One might think that during last period all eyes are staring down the hands of clocks, urging them to spin faster. Not true. Many stay at school burning the midnight oil at various school activities.

One can always find the cheerleaders; if they are not practicing their repertoire of cheers and routines, they can certainly be found decorating the school halls and lockers of team members.

It is these team members who are after school day after day, practicing until and beyond the dinner hour. Hopefully, these long hours will pay off in wins for the Pioneers.

The Student Council is constantly doing something to improve students' lives. Dress-Up Day, the T-day bonfire, and the Semi have all added to the enjoyment of SHS attendees.

So if you see a light on, don't assume no one's home. Go in and look. You might burn the midnight oil yourself.

Students are often found calling for rides home after school activities.

Michael Bousquet walks Michelle Livernois home afterschool.

Mary LaFranchise and Toby Szczygiel frolic with newfound friends at a field hockey game.

Intense concentration looms over Marcy Thibeault's face during a game.

Ryan Rabbet spends his fall afternoons at football practice.

Scott Ravenelle discusses his afternoon plans with Mrs. Denise Staffieri.

Jeremy Rines, David DiDonato, Nicholas Giovanello, and Karen Bowren sketch alongside of Sharon Fontaine as she completes her figure drawing.

Mrs. Joanne Ferron assists a student with her classwork.

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Superintendent Arnold Lanni

Principal Joseph Bialy

Assistant Principal Dennis Desroches

Southbridge School Committee
Front Row: James Marino, Robert Checkosky, Kenneth Johnson, William Trifone.
Back Row: Gerhardt Marcinkowski, Linda Dani, Joseph Fortier, Victoria Salce, Jean Turner, Sylvia Montigny.

Superintendent Retires

Why would our superintendent want to retire? Dr. Kenneth L. Johnson tells us, "It's my thirty-seventh year in education. I'm at the maximum retirement benefit age; at my age two or three years wouldn't make much difference."

During his time in the community, Dr. Johnson experienced many changes in the educational system. He marvels, "We've survived one of the most tumultous decades in education." On the down side he includes Proposition 2 1/2 and limited state aid for school programs and on the positive side, the Mary E. Wells Junior High School renovations and the reinstitution of summer school.

To his successor, he advises, "Try to involve people in the schools. We need more support." He also believes we need more K-5 school facilities to relieve overcrowding.

With his years as superintendent completed, Dr. Johnson plans to move back to the South Shore with his wife and apply to several colleges as a math instructor. He'll also have time for favorite avocations such as woodworking and golfing.

Kenneth Johnson

Diane Allard, Business
Mary Anne Anderson, Math
David Boudreau, Student Services
Sally Byrne, English

David Byron, Computer Science
Mary Cashmon, Math
Ursula Davey, Chapter 1
Bernard Dube, Foreign Languages

Claire Dumas, Foreign Languages
Joanne Dunn, Secretary
Kristi Durocher, Media Coordinator
Joanne Ferron, ESL, Bilingual

Mary Ferron, Librarian
John Flannery, Science
Richard Galvin, Special Education
Lorraine Gately, Physical Education

Priscilla Gimas, Business
Walter Gosk, Social Studies
John Hoogasian, Physical Education
Jeanne Houghton, Secretary

Linda Jowett, Foreign Language
Social Studies
Kathleen Lamarine, Nurse
John Lasota Jr., Special Education
Gregory Leach, Science

Virginia Leahey, Secretary
N. Richard Leduc, Math
Sylvia Lenti, English
Kathleen L'Heureux, Special Education

John Libera, Instrumental Music
Lillian Lind, Bilingual
Patrick Loconto, Foreign Languages
T. Carmen Loconto, English

George Lorkiewicz, Industrial Arts
Jean McGann, Social Studies
Dennis McManis, English
Anna Mendes-O'Leary, ESL Bilingual

Brooke Mitchell, Art
Bonnie Narcissi, Vocal Music
Ann O'Connell, Guidance Counselor
Janet Poirier, English

Cliffs Notes Versus Classics

Cliffs Notes and the Classics - a rift that has separated students and teachers since the substitute study guides were introduced.

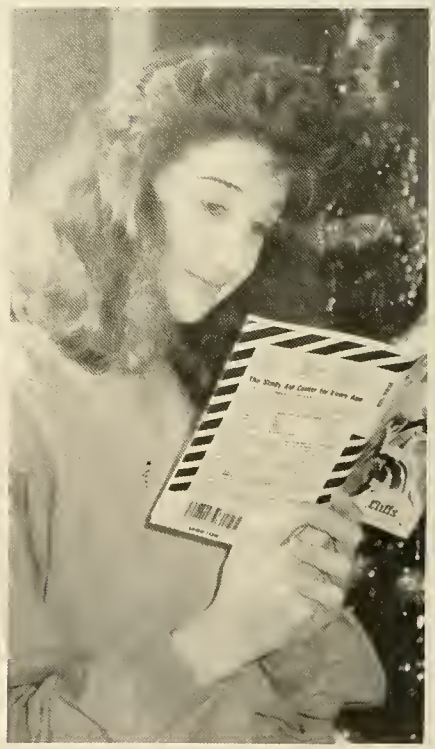
While the familiar black-on-yellow patterned pamphlet is intended by the publishers to serve as "a supplementary aid to serious students, freeing them from interminable and distracting note-taking in class," many students use them as a substitute for the literary text itself, causing teachers to take drastic measures.

Some faculty members require students to read selections not covered by the glorified cheat sheets, such as Ayn Rand's *Anthem*. Others purchase the notes themselves, read them thoroughly, and prepare test questions whose answers are not found in either *Cliffs* or their scarlet cousins, *Monarch Notes*.

Who is correct? Only time - and tests - will tell.

Which is better - *Cliffs* or the original? Perhaps the best is a combination of both.

Jennifer Bernard reviews Orwell's *Animal Farm* with the notorious notes.



Night Of Doom

Worried looks are evident on the faces of students as parents' night approaches.

Dario Tiberii waits in the lobby for his parents to finish their rounds.

When parents' night was postponed from November 15 to the next week due to a field hockey semi-final game against Amherst, students breathed a collective sigh of relief. They had been granted a seven-day reprieve to further convince parents that teachers were simplistic buffoons who had no idea about what they were talking.

Of course, seven days is not an eternity, and on Monday night the moment of truth had arrived. Parents signed in, collected teacher assignments, and went off on their merry way. Those students who were brave enough to venture along lingered a safe distance behind their parents - what they couldn't hear couldn't hurt them.

On the way out, parents were bombarded with questions from their offspring. Most responded with a knowing smile as they walked to their cars.

Jacqueline Russell, Computer Science
Math
Thomas Severance, Math
Rick Silver, Social Studies
John Soldani, Graphic Arts

Denise Staffieri, Foreign Languages
Jennie Stellato, Special Education
Celeste Sullivan, Business
Nancy Swiaki, English Math

Peggy Talbot, Science
Sylvia Tashjian, Math
Jeffrey Theodoss, Physical Education
Health
Albert Thomas, Science

Eleanor Tremblay, Science
Janet Tylick, Home Economics
Jacqueline Varin, Secretary
Kerry Varin, Social Studies

Roland Varin, Social Studies
Anna Ventriglia, Bilingual Foreign Languages
William Welch, Business
David Yacavace, English

Cafeteria Staff

Front Row: Joan Gauthier, Evelyn Bouchard, Rosalie Cappera. **Back Row:** Janet Guertin, Barbara Pentland, Althea Clemence, Nancy Normandin.

Farewell, Mrs. Tersa

After 20 years of dedication and enjoyment, Mrs. Theresa Tersa will be retiring this year. During these years, Mrs. Tersa has taught reading and vocabulary skills to many fortunate students. She not only taught scholastic ability; through her own personal anecdotes she related many other lessons for practical, life-long application.

On her 20 years at SHS she revealed, "Styles and dress codes have changed a great deal, but the same dedicated teachers remain the same." The styles and fashions are among the many things she will miss, along with "the many students striving to learn in order to ensure themselves a successful future."

Many memories will remain with Mrs. Tersa, such as "when I have finally gotten a student to believe in himself or herself." Throughout her career, Mrs. Tersa has noticed something special about SHS students: "Most want to become the very best people they can be; they project a certain dignity. They have certainly contributed to my growth as a person."

After retirement, Mrs. Tersa plans to spend her time reading, studying philosophy, traveling, visiting her children and grandchildren, and pursuing many other hobbies. One can truly understand what she means when she exclaims, "I'm never bored!"

Thank you, Mrs. Tersa, for your dedication and caring. Good luck!

Above: Mrs. Theresa Tersa assists Rebecca Benoit with an assignment.

Below: Mrs. Tersa muses on her years at Southbridge High.

Mrs. Theresa Tersa reviews teaching materials before a class.

Senior Robyn Lebel fondly hugs Mrs. Lorraine Gately hoping to receive a free pair of boxer shorts.

Freshmen Becky Bartoli and Tammy Birch stop for the pause that refreshes — a smile.

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Margarita Alicea
Thomas Allard
Edwin Alvarado
Eneida Alvarado

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Tammy Arcoite
Nicole Arsenault
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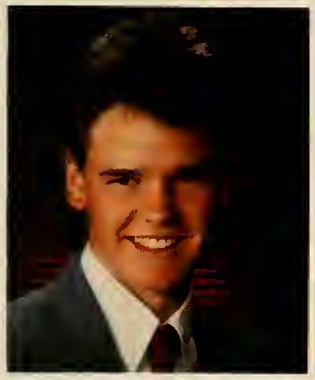

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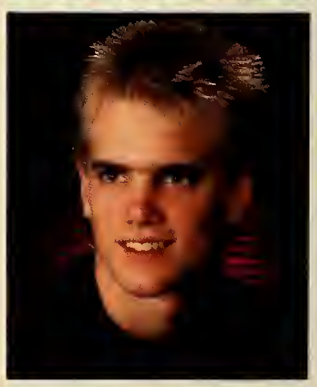

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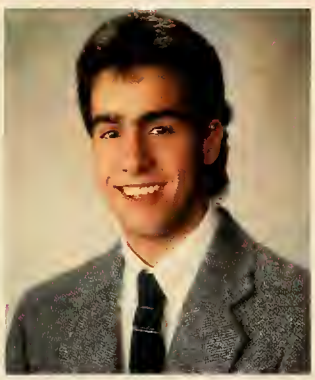

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Angela Proulx
Jeffrey Proulx
Pamela Proulx

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Robert Provost
Ryan Rabbett
Scott Ravenelle
Paul Renna
Jasmin Rivas

Denise Romero
Amy Roscioli
Justin Ryan
Jeannine Savageau
Karen Schiller
John Shaw

Lauren Spinelli
Betty Ann Stanhope
Toby Szczygiel
Mark Terrill
Marcy Thibeault
Joshua Thomas

Dario Tiberii
Angelina Tortis
Erica Tortis
Stacey Tremblay

Dara Vallee
Janice Vasquez
Matthew Vizard
Oudone Vongkaysone

James May and Heidi Martin stop at their lockers between classes.

James Patnaude and Leon Beausoleil spend a study period in the guidance office reviewing their college choices.

Students Not Pictured

Leon Beausoleil
Pom Bounphasaysonh
Susanne Brown
Cathy Dunn
Samuel Gonzalez
Jessica Lacroix
Craig MacDonald
Daniel Ovalles
Kim Parent
Wayne Raymond
Travis Reilly
Linh Tu Thai
William Wood
Chinh Yi
Kum Hui Yi
Johanna Zalneraitis

SENIORS

Aaron Benoit delivers a television to the media center.

Pam Lavallee, Dario Tiberii, and Jennifer Bastien relax during an interim from their studies.

Eneida Alvarado and Jasmin Rivas prepare a poster to decorate the stairwell before a football game against Clinton.

Jerry Ouellette takes a break at his locker between classes.

Tammy Jacques completes a lesson during her typing class.

Kim Parent carefully follows Kirsten Anderson's recipe for cupcakes.

Michelle Alhstrom 10
Denise Alicea 9
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Kara Anderson 10
William Anderson 10

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Driving In My Car

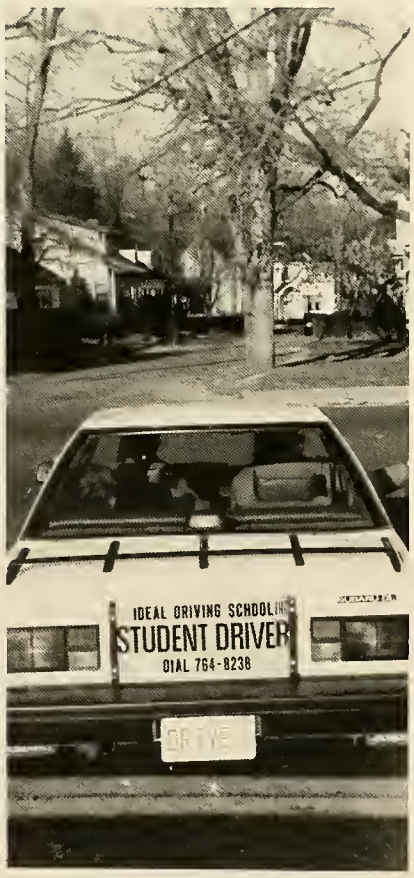
In Massachusetts, one is able to drive at seventeen. But who can wait? Not many high school students, so they can obtain a license at sixteen and a half if they have attended thirty hours of a certified Drivers' Education program.

Fortunately, Southbridge has two such classes. During the lessons scheduled every three months, prospective drivers review rules of the road, street signs, and examination questions. These are on a written test which is necessary to obtain a Learners' Permit, a requirement for the road test.

It is during this final phase that many applicants become worried. Will the proctor try to trick me? What if I turn at the wrong time? What if I have to parallel park?

Normally, the only thing that deserves consideration is one's stomach, because when it's tied in knots, there's little hope for the driver or the pedestrians.

Once the license is won, then the real fun begins. Cruising to and from school, all the while waving to friends walking in the same direction becomes one of life's great pleasures. You soon forget what it's like to walk, until that fateful day when your car won't start. Welcome to the wheel world!



Instructor Raymond Petrelli demonstrates the use of hand signals.

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Jeff Caplette 9
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Marc DiGregorio 10
Maria Dinqui 11

Dante Diorio 10
Brenda Dominguez 10
Richard Donahue 9
Sherry Donahue 11
Barbara Doyle 11
Jennifer Drezek 10
Monique Dumas 10

Brian Dunleavy 9
Vanessa Dunlop 9
Derek Dunn 10
John Dupuis 11
Amy Elias 11
Elizaheth Elsner 9
Judah Emery 9

PSAT Nightmare

On November 18, 1988, nervous college-bound juniors and a few scattered sophomores entered the library and cafeteria in the early morning to take the pretentious-sounding Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

Of course, all present realized that their results could very well have an impact on their futures, as the PSAT measured their probable score on the SAT, which many colleges and scholarship boards use as a barometer for acceptance.

Although you are told that the one hour and forty minute multiple choice test won't make or break you, you're unsure about the stormy horizon lying in wait outside the room's windows. After the test form is filled out with the information you've known since kindergarten, the countdown begins.

Start! You're off, arbitrarily selecting A, B, C, or D in order to form an attractive pattern. Remember doing this on elementary IOWA tests?

In December the test-takers gathered to hear a presentation and collect their results, which were either shown off or stuffed in pockets. As the groans died down, a little thought clicked in the back of many minds: Wait! Aren't SATs in May?

Michael Bousquet and Mandi Bruce are not remotely concerned over the PSATs that took control of their lives in October while performing in their class skit.

Donna Fafard 11
Tina Farland 11
Damarys Fernandez 10
Barbara Ferron 11
Jennifer Ferron 11
Joelle Ferron 9
Laura Ferron 9

Michael Fontaine 11
Lauren Fontana 11
Tiffany Fournier 10
Scott Fowble 9
Heather Fredette 9
Jenna French 10
Lisa Galipeau 10

Heather Garland 11
Jennifer Gaucher 10
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Monique Giguere 10
Lissette Gines 9
Nicholas Giovanello 10
Paul Girard 11
Jennifer Giroux 10
Heather Gliniecki 9
Rolando Gonzalez 9

Jacob Gould 9
Derek Goulet 9
Jennifer Graf 10
Ross Guardiani 11
Kimberly Guertin 11
Kevin Guyette 10
Scott Heath 11

Raymond Hebert 9
Christopher Hefner 10
Jake Hill 10
Kristi Hill 9
Seth Hmielowski 9
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Darryl Howe 10

Shannon Huard 10
Kathy Hwalek 10
Jennifer Jalowiec 11
Rebecca Jalowiec 9
Matthew Julian 10
Beth Kallio 9
Jason Kamizirides 9

Eleftheria Karayiannis 9
David Kearsley 11
Abigail Kendrick 9
Amphone Ketnouvong 9
Chansamone Ketnouvong 11
Seangehanh Khamphavong 10
Heather King 10

Kelly Kokoszka 9
Rae-Lynn Kosinski 9
Renee Kosinski 9
Tara Kowaleski 11
Natalie Lacasse 10
Michael Lacroix 9
Armand LaFleche 11

Sweet Sixteen - Finally!

While many Spanish-speaking students celebrate their sweet fifteen, the majority of sophomores anticipate the arrival of their upcoming sixteenth birthday with as much excitement as their mothers before them.

But any mother would be sure to notice the lack of fanfare surrounding her daughter's coming of age. Whereas girls of the fifties and sixties prepared for a large celebration with all of their friends and relatives and shopped for a gown to wear while in attendance at a debutante ball, today's girl will plan a small get-together with her closest friends to go out, whether it be simply to area malls for a shopping expedition or up north for an elaborate ski-weekend.

While some die-hard nostalgists are as reluctant to wave good-bye to debs as they were to drive-in theaters, some feel the change is all for the better. One of these is the parent, who no longer has to feel obligated to shell out payments to boutiques, caterers, and country clubs. The other is the teenager herself, who doesn't have to impress her peers during a whirlwind of social activities.

Who knows? Maybe we'll return to the pre-*Father Knows Best* days after all.

Friends congratulate Angela Benoit on her January birthday.

Danielle LaFleche 10
Matthew LaFleche 10
Penny Laliberte 10
Karen Lamay 11
Janet Lamica 11
Donna Lamothe 10
Leonard Lamothe 9

Bruce Langlois 11
Sean Langlois 10
Amy Laporte 10
Nicole Laporte 11
Jonathan Lapriore 11
Ronald Laprise 9
Chad Lariviere 11

Jason Lavallee 10
Jennifer Lavallee 11
Michelle Lavallee 10
Christopher Laverdiere 9
Sean Lavoie 9
William Lavoie 11
Matthew Lazure 11

Timothy Lazure 9
Jodi Lebel 11
Amelia LeBlanc 10
Karyn LeBlanc 11
Kristyn LeBlanc 11
Jeanne Leck 11
Matthew Leduc 10

Alex Lesniewski 9
Kristen Lesniewski 10
Vincent Lesniewski 11
Matthew Libby 10
Meredith Libby 9
Corey Litchfield 11
Lori Livernois 9

Michael Livernois 10
Vicki Livernois 9
Nora Loos 11
Janet Lopez 10
Rafaela Lopez 11
Janet Luna 10
Todd Lundstrom 10

Robin Lydston 10
Kim Mageau 10
Cara Maisano 9
Peter Maldonado 10
Joel Malette 11
Kevin Mandeville 9
Miguel Marales 11

Wilda Marcano 9
Gerhard Marcinkowski 11
Lauren Marcotte 10
James Mateychuck 11
Jeffrey Mathieu 9
Kevin Matthew 11
Lori McRoy 11

Carmen Medina 9
Jennifer Melton 11
Michelle Merced 10
Wanda Merced 11
Polyxane Mertzanis 10
Michelle Meunier 11
Glen Misiaszek 10

So, Did You See My Class Ring?

Traditionally, sophomore year has been the time to order class rings for their arrival in junior year, leaving the purchasers a full two years to flutter their ring fingers in the face of underclassmen.

But aggressive marketing tactics have changed all that. Instead, freshmen receive elaborate brochures from Jostens, the self-proclaimed America's Class Ring company. Inside, the flustered freshman is faced with five collections, eight metals, twelve stones, and almost two-hundred Design-A-Sides. With all these options, it's no wonder that many shoppers choose to go to area jewelers, which offer Art-Carved and Gold Lance rings.

Why all this trouble? It's simply the price one must pay in order to enter the next stage of high school life: If you don't have a ring, how can you exchange it with your new love?

Speaking of prices, while the costs may seem prohibitive, many students feel it is all worth it to have a sparkling reminder of their high school years. Besides, if you're going to endure all the pain and suffering of decision-making, at least you'll receive your ring a year earlier, giving you even more time to show off that heavy ring finger.

Has sophomore Melanie Richard purchased her class ring yet?

Derek Mongeon 10
Francisco Morales 10
Madelyne Morales 9
Daryn Moran 11
Suzanne Morneau 9
Israel Morris 11
Erica Munson 11

Justine Munson 9
Tamara Murphy 11
Tricia Murphy 10
Rolando Nieves 10
Yesenia Nina 10
Melanie Nolan 9
Brian Normandin 11

Kelly Normandin 9
Melinda Normandin 11
William Norris 10
Heidi Orne 10
Angel Ortiz 9
Joselyne Ortiz 11
Daisy Ortiz 11

Vivian Ortiz 9
Jonathan Osimo 11
Derek Paradis 10
Carla Partlow 9
Margo Partlow 11
Shelley Paul 10
Beth Peck 9

Scott Peck 11
Donna Pelkey 11
Jose Pellot 9
Janet Pereira 10
Laura Perry 11
Robert Pierangeli 9
Leslie Pittman 9

Erica Plouffe 9
Jeremy Plouffe 9
Brendan Poirier 10
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Kevin Poirier 9
Nicholas Polakowski 11
John Poswiatoski 11

Charles Proulx 9
Jason Proulx 9
Scott Provost 10
Guillermo Ramos 9
Marisol Ramos 9
Jessica Rapo 11
Deborah Raulli 11

Melissa Raymond 9
Robert Reddick 10
Shane Reed 11
Edward Renaud 11
Amarillis Reyes 10
Isabel Ribeiro 9
Shelly Ricci 9

Melanie Richard 10
Jeremy Rines 11
Ryan Roettger 9
Scott Rossi 10
Danielle Russell 11
Josef Rutcho 11
Alyssa Sabatinelli 9

Glued To The Tube

The couch potato epidemic has been spreading slowly across America. As it set its many eyes upon Southbridge, parents picked up family-help magazines with articles along the lines of "Is your child obese? Look to your television!" and "Can Johnny read? Not if he's watching the tv!"

While these titles are exaggerated, they accurately capture the flavor of this panic. But has our bus company added fuel to the fire? With school beginning and ending a quarter of an hour earlier to facilitate student delivery, Southbridge pupils are left with an extra fifteen minutes of viewing time.

Should this make much of a difference? Not to us tv laymen, but to those who conduct studies on viewing habits, it could be the difference of an entire grade.

Where do they find these figures? The same place Nielsen consistently proves that programs no one watches are more popular than those whose plot synopses are traded weekly among students? The same place where political opponents continually trade places in public opinion polls? Most likely.

So should those articles be taken seriously? To some extent, yes. But remember that they are studies, not proven fact.

Freshman Lisa Boisvert elects to attend an SHS football rather than join the ranks of America's couch potatoes.

Antonio Sabatinelli 10
Andrea Salce 9
Melanie Savaria 10
Nicole Savoie 11
Jason Sawyer 9
Joseph Seleto 10
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Tina Wessman 9
Kimberly White 11
Christopher Winetrout 10

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Shane Woodson 10
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Rebekah Zalneraitis 11
Alexia Ziogas 11

On Becoming A Pioneer

How to become a pioneer? According to *Funk & Wagnalls*, you must be "one of the first explorers, settlers, or colonists of a new country or region."

So for freshmen to be considered pioneers, they must visit unknown territory - at least one game during each sporting season, an easy feat for three-letter athletes. But what about the rest? They often journey to every football game religiously, where they are inducted into the SHS spirit along with converts from other grades who have delayed their baptism.

Once there, they participate in various practices, such as heckling the other team during time-outs, regarding the other team's cheerleaders with obvious disdain, and blocking their ears against the intrusive sounds of a rival's below-par band. However, as any SHS faction takes the field, it becomes necessary to stomp, holler, and cheer until the throat is hoarse or the bleachers collapse, whichever comes first.

The final test comes during half-time, where you not only order your refreshments, but the ones of those around you. In the end you leave, with cigarette ashes and palm-shaped blades of grass on your soles.

Carla Partlow scans the Pioneers' roster.

Make Your
Mark!

The field hockey team celebrates after their Amherst victory.

Majorettes Kristin Smith, Shelley Paul, and Deborah Raulli perform at the halftime of the Tantasqua football game.

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An SHS runner comes in for a smooth finish.

Cross Country: Dario Tiberri, Gregory Poulin, Jeffery Paul, Coach John Hoogasian, Sean Dunleavy, Edwin Alvarado, Craig MacDonald.

Rejuvenated Running

For the past several years, the SHS cross country team had been on a decline. Now, thanks to the dedication of Coach John Hoogasian and an influx of new team members, the program is on an upswing. Who could not help noticing Hoogasian recruiting promising athletes from his gym classes and training them with the team in order to expand the membership of his running crew? The devotion of all involved helped to achieve marginal success, as the team procured an 8-7 overall record, and an outstanding 8-2 conference record.

Shannon Antos pulls away from the pack as he passes a Shepherd Hill runner.

With an extra burst of adrenaline, Wojiech Ciemiega crosses the finish line.

Coach Hoogasian psyches his squad up before a match.

One Moment In Time

On November 15, 1988, the varsity field hockey team traveled to Smith College to compete with the Amherst Regional Hurricanes for the right to compete in the state finals.

After a scoreless first half, Amherst picked up a 1-0 lead just 1:41 into the second half. It was Nicolle LaBarge who evened it up with a short shot from 12 feet out. However, the lead didn't last as Amherst rifled in another goal after a mere 27 seconds of play.

Again, Nicolle LaBarge tied it up after knocking home a rebound. With the sudden Southbridge momentum and a possible overtime looming, Jennifer Ferron came to the rescue on a setup by Mandi Bruce to win the match 3-2.

Unfortunately, the team could not conquer the Bellingham Hawks in the state finals at WPI on November 18, 1988. They finished the regular season with a 19-1 record and a post-season record of 21-2. The JV's had a 7-3-3 record.

Taking a break from practice, Nicolle LaBarge observes her teammates.

JV player Beth Peck strives for the possession of the ball.

Jennifer Ferron and Kristyn LeBlanc exult after Ferron's state semi-final winning goal against Amherst Regional.

Erica Kantorski drives down the field while gaining control against her opponent.

Justine Munson watches a varsity match with concern during regular season play.

Varsity coach Jan DiGregorio is interviewed after her team's stellar performance in the state semi-final.

Varsity Field Hockey: Front row: Laurie Lepage, Michelle Livernois, Erin Montigny, Nicolle LaBarge, Robyn Lebel, Pamela Lavalle, Erica Kantorski, Amy Roscioli. Back row: Marcy Thibeault, Alison Bartlett, Mandi Bruce, Jennifer Ferron, Kristyn LeBlanc, Melanie Savaria, Nora Loos, Jeanne Leck, Coach Jan DiGregorio.

Junior Varsity Field Hockey: Front row: Kathy Hwalek, Jessica Rapo, Dawn Diani, Alison Bartlett, Andrea Brosnahan, Leslie Baum, Claudia Pittelli, Lauren Fontana, Margo Partlow. Back row: Coach Lynn Gravel, Carla Partlow, Laura Ferron, Lori Livernois, Linda Carmel, Rebecca Jalowiec, Justine Munson, Melanie Savaria, Amy Elias, Beth Peck, Vivian Ortiz, Jennifer Jalowiec.

Varsity Soccer: Front row: Oudone Vongkaysone, Sysouk Bounphasaysol, James May, Timothy Bickerstaff, Amphone Ketnouvong, Matthew Vizard. Back row: Joshua Veshia, Sacksith Bounphasaysol, Dean Brunea, Thomas Allard, Brandon Beauregard, Gregory Majewski, Jeffrey Proulx, Coach Tom Kruzek.

Junior Varsity Soccer: Front row: Daniele Caiani, Brian Cloutier, Sean Carragher, Timothy Lazure, Ronald Laprise. Back row: Marc DiGregorio, Gary Berthiaume, Jason Lavallee, Seth Clarke, Jeremy Bombard, Jeremy Plouffe.

Brandon Beauregard and Oudone Vongkaysone dribble the ball downfield.

Sean Carragher puts in some extra dribbling practice before a game.

James May charges past a dazed opponent.

Soccer Suffers Slow Season

With the retirement of former varsity coach Walter Gosk, last year's JV coach Tom Kruczek moved in to head a team that had lost many of its former players. Although the squad did its best in an adverse situation, determination and practice were not enough to hold back tough teams like the Auburn Dandies.

The varsity team finished the season with a lackluster 3-13 record. The JV squad was in the same situation, although they fared slightly better with their 5-10-2 record.

Brandon Beauregard watches as his pass to a teammate harmlessly rolls out-of-bounds.

JV player Jason Lavallee swerves to save a ball from the opposition.

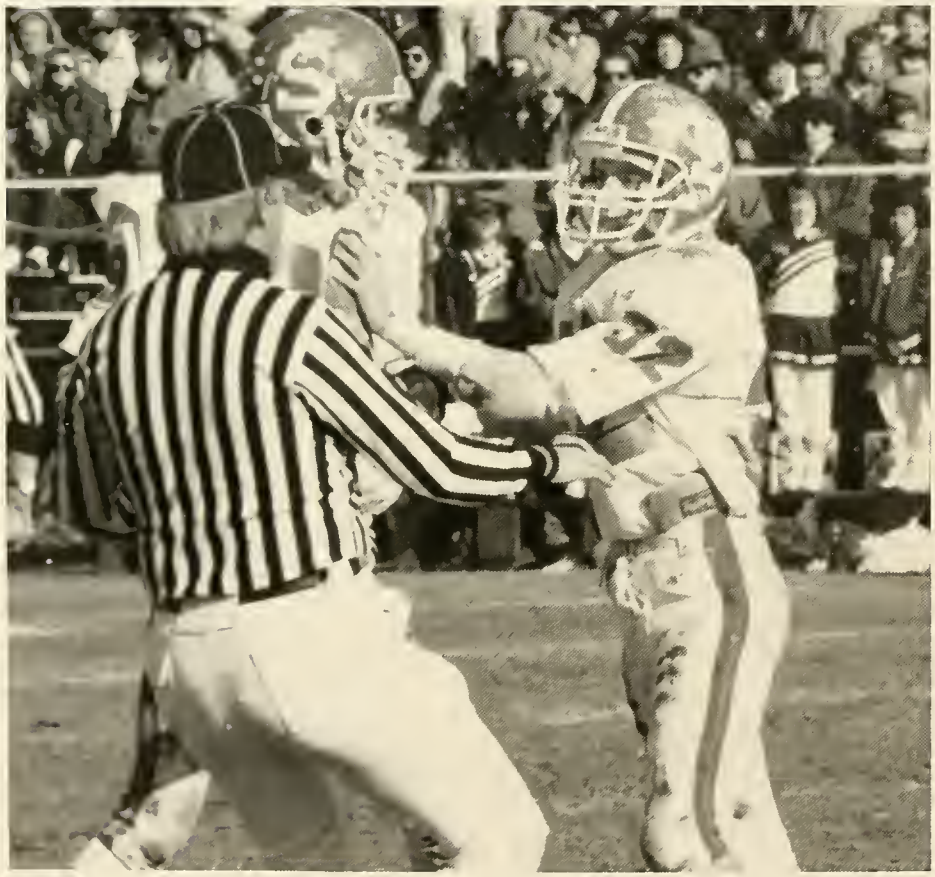
Pioneers Lose Momentum

After two heart-stopping, nail-biting wins against Northbridge and Ware, the comeback kids were ready for Shepherd Hill, last year's football powerhouse.

And ready they were, as the Pioneers stomped the Rams in a 39-7 victory. But when their game against undefeated Clinton was post-poned, the energy began to drain. After an 18-29 loss, the team went on to defeat Auburn 35-6, their last win of the season.

It was downhill from there, with losses to rivals Tantasqua and Bartlett, resulting in a 4-6 overall. The JV's fared better, with a 6-2 record.

Rico Giovanello is consoled after the Thanksgiving loss to Bartlett.



An official's call is questioned during the Thanksgiving Day game, which Southbridge lost 6-9.

David DiDonato searches for an open man during the Auburn match, which the JV's won 20-0.

After a tragic 19-26 loss to the Tantasqua Warriors, Randy Garneau regards waterlogged Reservation Field as Ronnie Splaine grasps his head in despair.

Ronnie Splaine brushes past the pursuing opposition.

Varsity and Junior Varsity Football: Front row: Justin Ryan, Randall Carneau, Kevin Congdon, Ronald Splaine, Adam Hmielowski, Enrico Giovanello, Timothy George, Matthew Ferron, Derek Boisvert, Jason Philibotte, Ryan Rabbett, Thomas Julian, Jason Lazo. Second row: Paul Girard, Kevin Berthiaume, Christopher Choquet, Michael Bousquet, Daniel Cournoyer, Armand LaFleche, Adam DiDonato, Vincent Lesniewski, Judah Emery, William Anderson, David George. Third row: Humberto Alvarado, Seth Hmielowski, Kenneth Amiott, Gerhard Marcinkowski, David DiDonato, Matthew Leduc, Robert Reddick, Brendon Poirier. Fourth row: Scott Provost, Jonathan Osimo, Jonathan Lapriore, Jeffrey Trifone, Brian Gendreau, Craig Carter, Timothy Valenti, Shane Woodson, Daryll Howe.

Skit Competition

First place	Class of 1989
Second place	Class of 1991
Third place	Class of 1992
Fourth place	Class of 1990

Poster Competition

First place	Class of 1989
Second place	Class of 1991
Third place	Class of 1990
Fourth place	Class of 1992

Yelling Competition

First place	Class of 1990
Second place	Class of 1989
Third place	Class of 1991
Fourth place	Class of 1992

The Class of 1991's Darryl Howe enters as the reigning Miss Turkey.

Mrs. Denise Staffieri portrays Minnie Mouse in the faculty skit.

Pioneer Predator Sean Langlois disposes of Bartlett Indian Scott Bickerstaff during the crowd-pleasing sophomore *Welcome to the Jungle* skit.

Jeremy Cloutier saves E.T. and the SHS playbook from Bartlett football player Michael Coiteux.

Senior Sweep Thwarted

During this year's Thanksgiving Rally, class rivalries were at an all-time high. Closely guarded skit plots and poster ideas were the order of the preceding weeks, as each class attempted to outdo the other.

The seniors were hoping to continue their tradition of sweeping the rally, but everyone else was doing their best to prevent it. The freshmen attempted to with their interpretation of *Saturday Night Live!*, including Hans and Franz. The juniors clicked on MTV's game show, *Remote Control*, with a new category, Name That Teacher. But it was the sophomores who gave the seniors a run for their money, with *Welcome to the Jungle*, which included everyone you could meet in the jungle, including a war-monging tribe of Bartlett Indians.

In the end, the seniors prevailed with *E.T.:The Adventure Continues*, but the juniors prevented the Turkey Day takeover with a surprise win in the yelling competition.

Disco ducks Donald and Daisy (Dr. John Hoogasian and Mrs. Diane Allard) entertain the students.

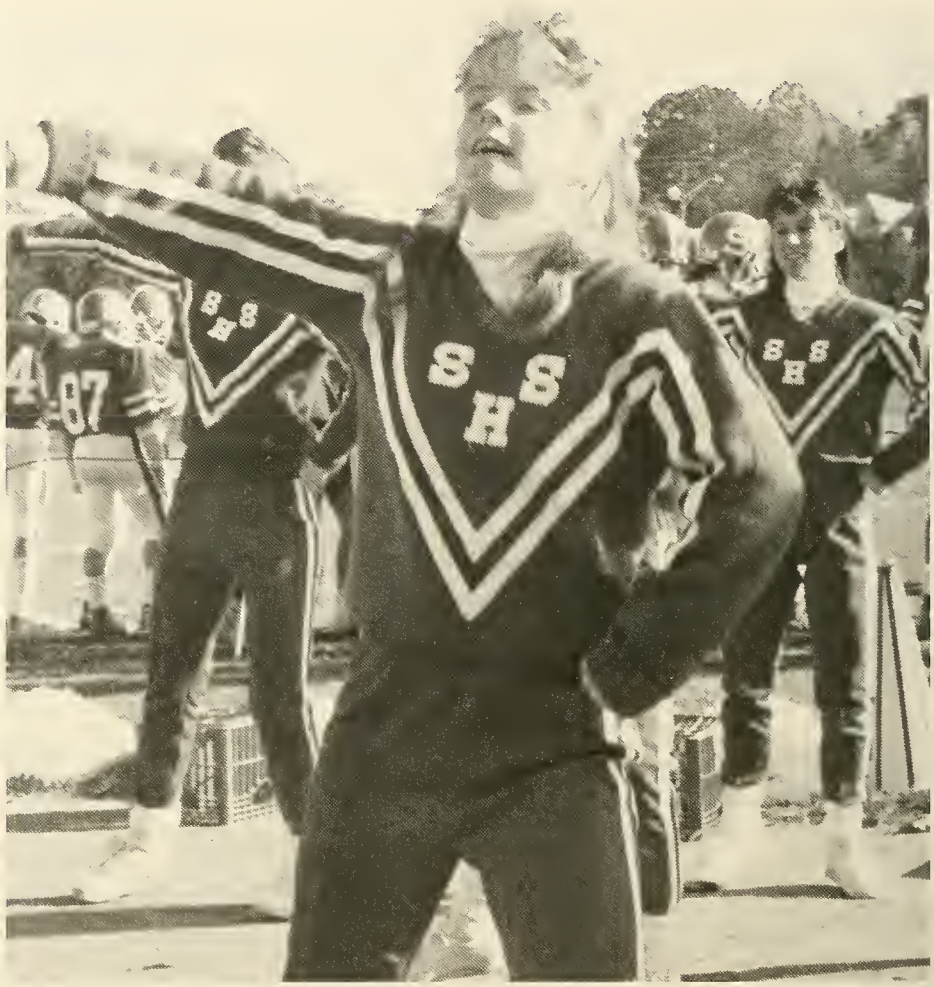
Hans and Franz impostors Brian Dunleavy and Seth Hmiewlowski were the focal point of the freshman skit.

Squad Excites Team, Fans

While their primary purpose was to encourage the team, one couldn't help noticing their overwhelming urge to perform perfected routines before applauding fans.

And who could blame them? Cheerleading *has* become a more fan-oriented event as the sport has moved from simple hand-clap sideline cheers to intricate half-time dance numbers. Needless to say, SHS squads have followed suit under the direction of coaches Miss Kerry Varin and Mrs. Donna Bernadone.

During a game, the crowd was always aware of team rivalry. But could they sense competition between the teams' cheerleaders? Either way, Pioneer fans were certain to feel pride for those supporting the team.



Melanie Richard performs during the Shepherd Hill game.

Sophomore Lisa Galipeau and senior Jasmin Rivas raise the crowd to its collective feet.

Cheerleaders Pamela Bernadone, Angela Albuquerque, Eneida Alvarado, and Karyn LeBlanc maintain formation during a side-line cheer.

The squad follows Pamela Bernadone's crisp lead during a performance.

Varsity Football Cheerleaders: Front row: Angela Blais, Monique Dumas, Melanie Richard, Angela Alhuquerque, Darcy Ceccarelli, Kimberly Guertin, Lisa Gallipeau, Karyn LeBlanc. Back row: Erika Weberg, Jasmin Rivas, Angela Benoit, Casandra Misiaszek, Erica Munson, Pamela Bernadone, Eneida Alvarado, Jennifer Lavallee, Coach Kerry Varin.

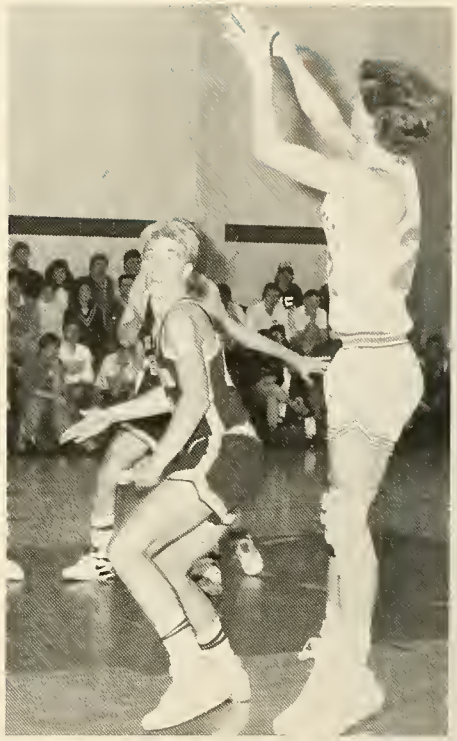
Varsity Basketball Cheerleaders: Front row: Rebecca Jalowiec, Lisa Galipeau, Erica Plouffe, Kimberly Guertin, Lori Livernois, Monique Brousseau, Angela Blais, Linda Carmel. Back row: Amelia LeBlanc, Karyn LeBlanc, Erica Munson, Jasmin Rivas, Kara Kokoszka, Jennifer Giroux, Erika Weberg, Coach Kerry Varin.

Boys' Varsity Basketball: Front row: Kenneth Amiott, Randall Garneau, Derek Boisvert, Enrico Giovanello, David DiDonato. Back row: Scott Bickerstaff, Matthew Ferron, Wojiech Ciemiega, Scott Provost, Coach James Kane.

Boys' Junior Varsity Basketball: Front row: Sacksith Bounphasaysol, Ronald Aucoin, Matthew Leduc, David Wood. Back row: Jason Lavallee, Matthew Julian, Jake Hill, Ethan Spinelli.

Boys' Freshman Basketball: Front row: Jeff Caplette, Ronald Laprise, Marvin Perrin, Raymond Hebert, Michael Lafleche. Back row: Jose Delgado, Victor Garrivo, Seth Clarke, Jeffrey Carlson, Todd Tiberii.

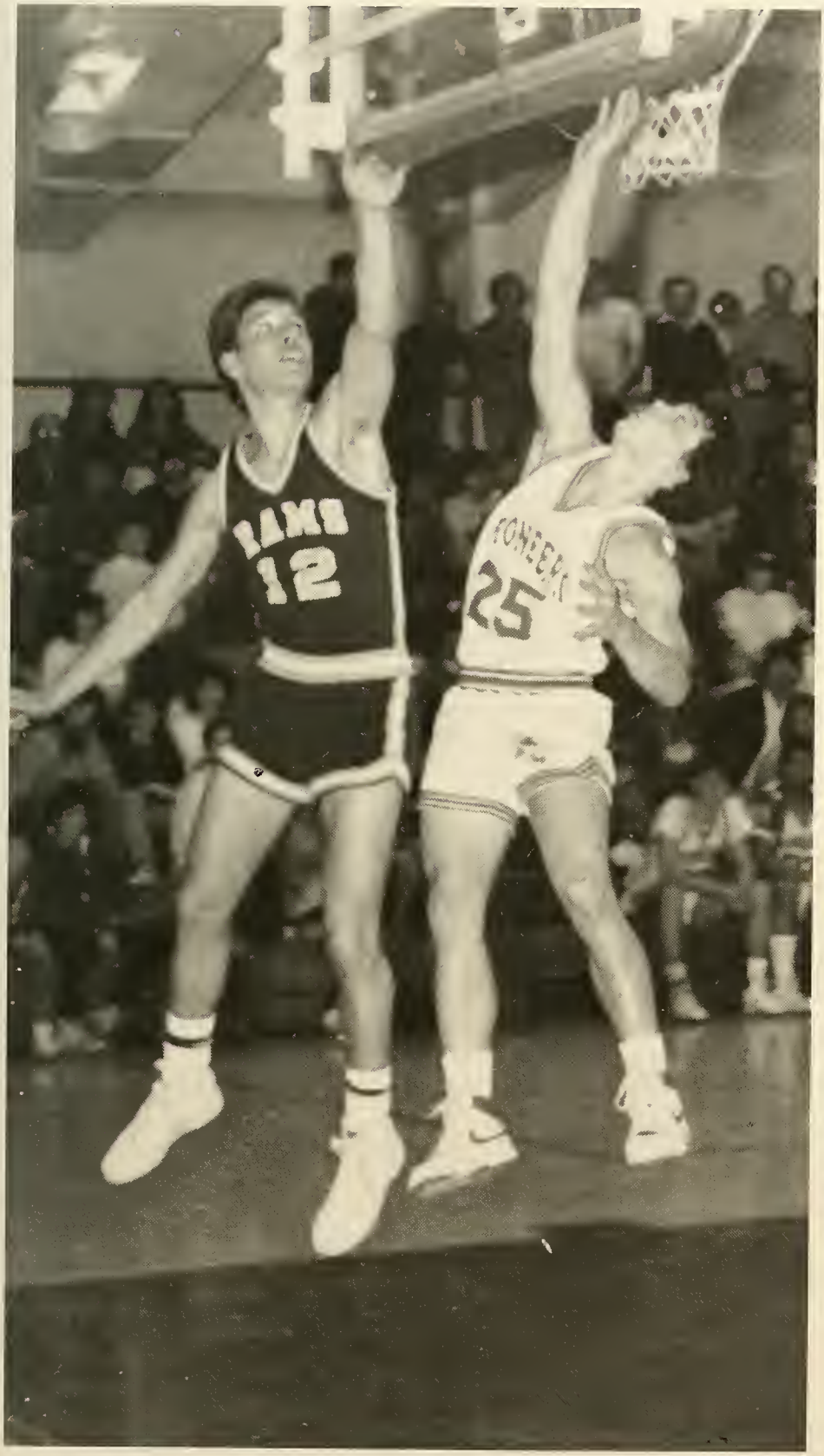
Randy Garneau surprises a Shepherd Hill opponent with an outside shot.



A tight Rams' defense attempts to prevent Brian Gendreau from sinking important points.

Players watch in anticipation as to the fate of a rim-roller.

Pioneers, New Coach Rebuild



If the task of blowing former coach Walter Gosk's whistle was tough, Mr. James Kane was faced with a team of talented athletes who had simply not seen enough action on the varsity level.

Since last year's starters were seniors who had gone throughout high school together, the other players were used to facing less intense action. The sudden thrust to the forefront was difficult at first, especially for sophomore members, but the effort was commendable, as the team garnered a moderate record.

Sophomore Matthew Leduc executes a graceful lay-up while under pressure.

Striving to block an opponent's shot, Scott Provost leaps for the basket.

Carryover Evident In Girls

With several returning starters, varsity coach Jane Cormier knew she had a powerful team. After recruiting girls from the JV ranks, she began drills in preparation for the first game. Dedication paid off, and a string of wins began.

Girls from the fall season's field hockey squad were another contributing factor. It was understandable that they didn't want to fall from their high plateau.

Coach Greg Tucker's JV girls steadily improved throughout the season.

Varsity player Jennifer Ferron goes for a lay-up.

While under fire from Bartlett opponents, Laura Ferron charges down court with the help of Damarys Fernandez.

Tammy Despres weaves past Bartlett opponents in her dash for the basket.

While regarded by dazed opponents, Heidi Martin shoots and scores.

JV coach Greg Tucker lectures his team curing a time-out.

Melanie Savaria and Jodi Lebel challenge an opponent for the ball.

Varsity Girls' Basketball: Front row: Laurie Lepage, Robyn Lebel, Heidi Martin, Beth Peck. Back row: Jennifer Ferron, Erica Kantorski, Melanie Savaria, Jodi Lebel, Tamara Murphy, Coach Jane Cormier.

JV Girls' Basketball: Front row: Damarys Fernandez, Tamara Despres, Laura Ferron, Lauren Fontana. Back row: Vivian Ortiz, Barbara Doyle, Jennifer Bernard, Justine Munson, Coach Greg Tucker.

Gabrielle Poirier and Toby Szczygiel man the Health Awareness Services of Central Massachusetts booth at parent's night. This clinic also presented the AIDS assembly at SHS.

Thomas Julian and Michael Coiteux enjoy lunch in the Student Council-decorated cafeteria.

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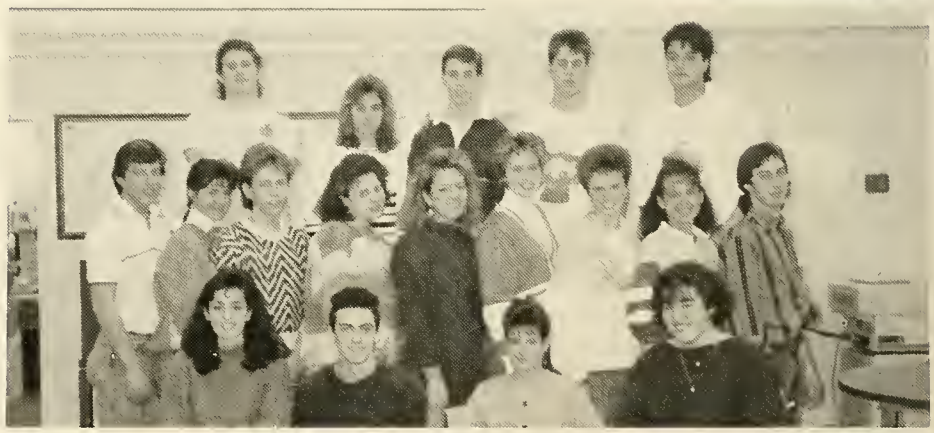

Who's Who Among American H.S. Students

Front Row: Angela Albuquerque, Jeremy Cloutier, Michelle Livernois, Amy Prisco. **Second Row:** Jeremy Proulx, Kelly Morneau, John Shaw, Pamela Proulx, Erica Kantorski, Kara Kokoszka, Michelle Meunier, Jasmin Rivas, Mark Terril. **Back Row:** Justin Deal, Angelina Tortis, Aaron Poirier, Matthew Vizard, Gary Hackett.

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Front Row: Oudone Vongkaysone, Somdy Soynahang, Linh Thai. **Back Row:** Johanna Zalneratis, Susanne Brown, Keo Bonphasaysonh, Adviser Anna Mendes-O'Leary.

National Honor Society

Front Row: Pamela Proulx, Casandra Misiaszek, Margarita Alicea, Erin Montigny. **Second Row:** Angela Albuquerque, Jeremy Cloutier, Michelle Livernois, Amy Prisco. **Back Row:** Mark Terril, Matthew Ferron, Gregory Poulin, Matthew Vizard, John Shaw, Jeffrey Proulx, Kara Kokoszka, Nicole Hamel, Aaron Poirier.

Show Choir members spent many hours rehearsing in preparation for the Macy's Day Parade.

Peter Maldonado belts out a solo to the accompaniment of Mrs. Bonnie Narcissi.

Kori Brousseau and Jason Ferron practice their routine at a Wednesday night rehearsal.

Jennifer St. George, Beth Zaniewski, and Jeremy Rines attend Concert Choir rehearsal.

Chorus Bites Big Apple

Anyone walking past SHS before Thanksgiving would have noticed that the lights were on in the Music Department. This was because the Crimson Classics, excited about attending the Macy's Day Parade, had been rehearsing weekly.

The show choir was invited because of its previous involvement in the Bay State Festivals. One wouldn't be surprised to learn that all were extremely excited about attending. Scott Peck, vice-president of the chorus council, said, "It was awesome to be asked, unbelievable, a chance of a lifetime."

While in New York the singers attended the Broadway musical *A Chorus Line*, where they met several of the production's members. Afterwards they visited the Statue of Liberty, Radio City Music Hall, and Macy's Department Store.

On Thanksgiving morning, it was evident that the two months of rehearsal had paid off. Show choirs from around the nation joined in the musical number that they had each been practicing separately. Needless to say, the choirs blended harmoniously before a nation-wide television audience, where the Crimson Classics sang above the rest in order to make their fellow Pioneers proud.

The concert choir discusses the basic concepts of musical theory.

Jennifer Bastien prepares her solo for the annual Christmas concert.

Thomas Allard plays *Little Giant* after an SHS touchdown.

Tamara Despres scans the stands after performing in the half-time show.

Big Red Plays On

Once again, the Big Red Pioneer Band was there at nearly every football game, absent only for music competitions.

And it was these that made them renowned among SHS students. During the year, the band marched in many parades; while some were local, others were in "exotic" locales such as Auburn and Boston. With director John Libera, they participated in the Dual County Music Festival and springtime's Music In The Round.

Drummer Glen Misiaszek pauses briefly.

Band director John Libera demonstrates how to belt out a trumpet riff.

Most band students choose to attend lessons daily as an elective.

Exchange student Susanne Brown overlooks the SHS population in her Cookie Monster persona on Student Council sponsored Dress-up Day.

Adviser Linda Jowett participates in the Thanksgiving Rally.

Senior member Eneida Alvarado is whisked around the gym by Mr. John Flannery.

Student Council Awakens

With new adviser Linda Jowett, the student council began to renew old school activities that former students remembered.

The student council's rebirth included the revival of the bonfire and a Christmas concert with performances by the band, chorus, and the Debbie Sichols' dancers. New activities included the cafeteria Christmas tree and angelic messages.

All ideas, both new and old, were well-received by faculty and students.

Kristin Dall delivers a report to the Student Council.

Sophomore member William Anderson gets into the Olympic Spirit with his impersonation of Carl Lewis, an American track athlete.

Nicole Bastien and Janet Lopez can always be seen at community events such as the Fall Festival.

Nicholas Polakowski thinks about a night patronizing local businesses with friends during French class.

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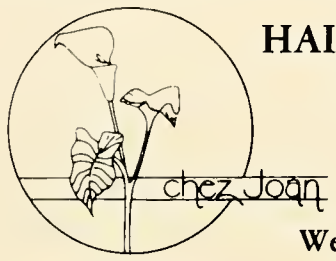

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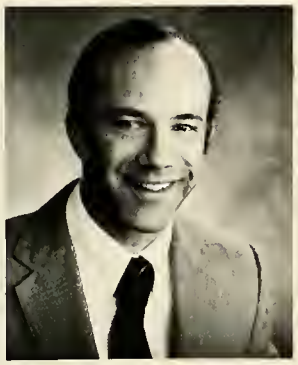

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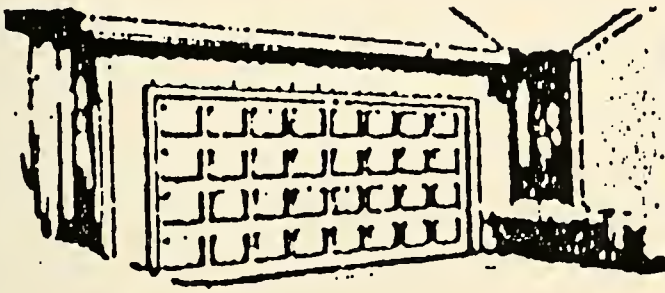

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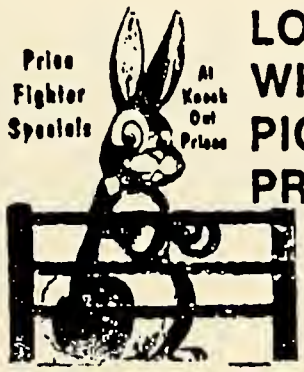

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We Hit the Mark!

Principal Joseph Bialy and faculty members Mrs. Mary Anne Anderson and Mrs. Janet Tylick bid a fond *adieu* to the graduating seniors - the class of 1989.

Senior Adam Hmielowski made his mark - both on the field and off.

At the close of the school day, Meredith Libby gathers together her books for an evening of aiming high in studying.

It's obvious sophomore Kristen Lesniewski hit her goal as an Air Force pilot would shoot down a miG fighter plane.

When Superintendent of Schools Dr. Kenneth Johnson retired in the fall of 1988, he described that during his tenure he played the role of trouble-shooter. And how could he have not? During his seven years Johnson dealt with Proposition 2 1/2, the junior high renovations, and elementary school restructuring.

His succesor Arnold Lanni became active in the school system during early winter, and one was always aware of his presence. You can sight him in the hallways and cafeteria, soliciting student opinions. He can be found visiting teachers in the classroom in order to better grasp Southbridge's educational curriculum.

It's obvious that in his short time in Southbridge, Mr. Lanni has become . . .

New superintendent Arnold Lanni speaks with Lisa Galipeau during an interview for *The Pioneer Press*.

A Sharpshooter

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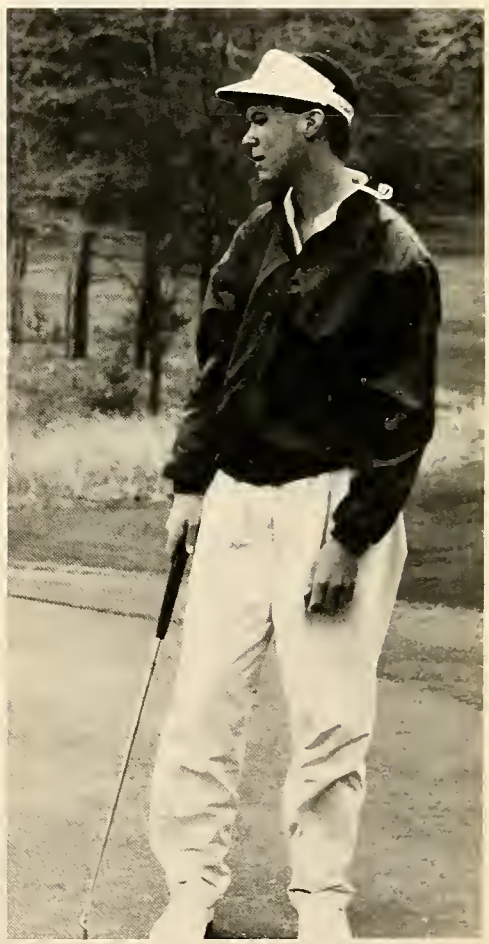
Glen Misiaszek sets up his shot (below) and putts (right).

Varsity Golf: Front row: Michael Bousquet, Dario Tiberii, Jonathan Osimo. Back row: Aaron Berthiaume, Nicholas Giovanello.

Jonathan Osimo carries his clubs to the next green.

Fairway Foes

Once again, the golf team proved to be Southbridge High's secret weapon in its arsenal of spring teams. After claiming the Border Conference championship, the team entered District competition. Here they did not fare well, although sophomore Aaron Berthiaume played in state competition. Under the direction of coach Bill Butcher, the team was able to procure a 15-1 record.

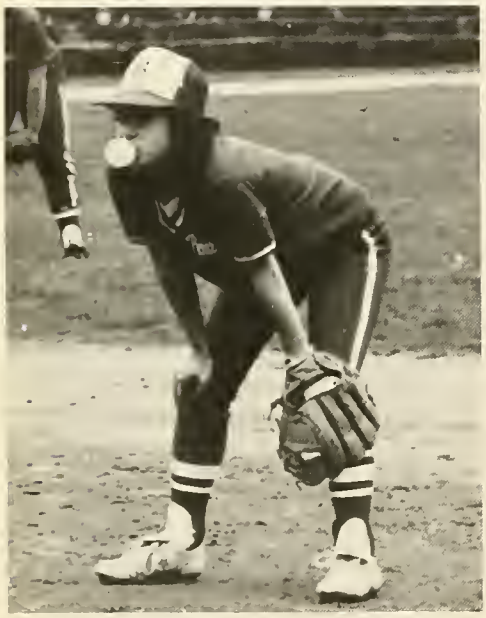


Aaron Berthiaume watches with disdain after miscalculating a putt.

With determination etched on his face, Dario Tiberii prepares to send his ball to the green.

Dugout Depression

For all the Southbridge High teams that played on a diamond, it was truly a rough spring. Nevertheless, all improved steadily, and each team was able to claim a personal victory in the realm of experience. After yet another building year, the teams' underclassmen are certain to prepare for a string of victories in the seasons to come.



Professional ball players are infamous for chewing substances such as tobacco, or, in Tina Farland's case, gum.

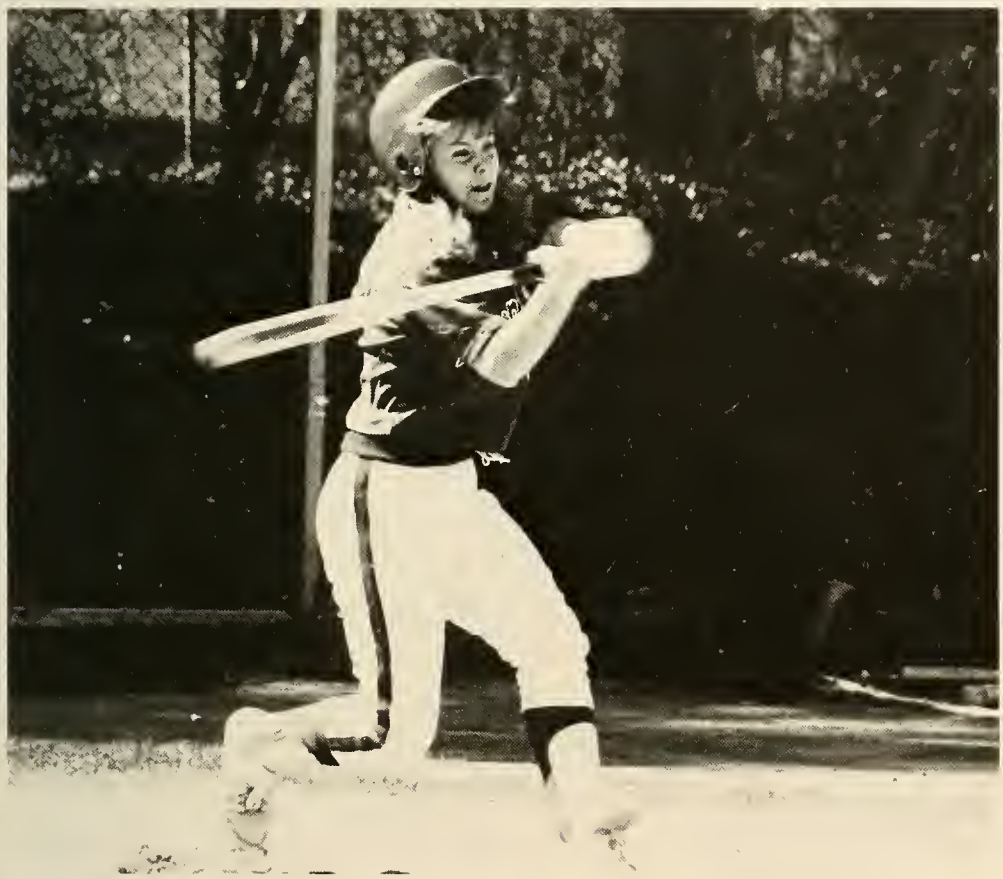
Varsity pitcher John Poswiatowski throws to home for an out on a runner.

Varsity Baseball: Front row: Kevin Congdon, Matthew Ferron, Rico Giovanello, Michael Coiteux, Christian Tremblay. Second row: John Poswiatowski, Jonathan Dupuis, Scott Provost, Kevin Berthiaume, Jonathan Lapriore. Back row: Brian Gendreau, Corey Litchfield, Joshua Veshia, Coach Rick Silver.

Junior Varsity Baseball: Front row: Raymond Hebert, Ronald Laprise, Eric Chamberlin. Second row: Robert Pierangelli, Jason Sawyer, Michael LaFleche, Gary Berthiaume. Third row: Michael Livernois, Jeffrey Carlson, Mark Barnes, Jason Kamizirides, Edward Renaud, David Wood, Craig Carter, Coach Greg Leach.

Michael LaFleche hurls one to first for an out.

Jasmin Rivas warms up her pitching arm before a game.



Melanie Richard tenses before connecting forcefully with the ball.

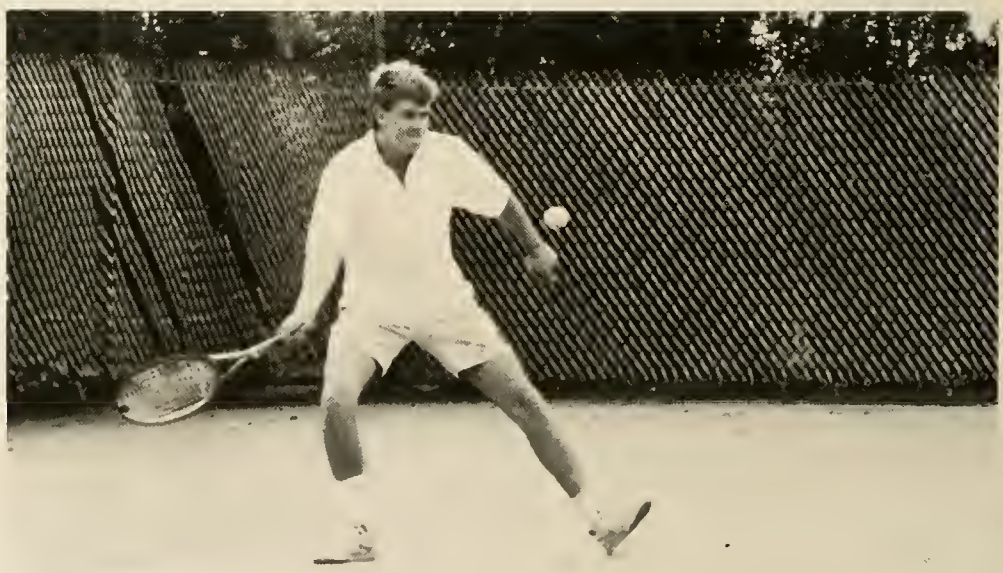
Varsity Softball: Front row: Arlene Colon, Nora Loos, Erica Kantorski, Melanie Richard, Jasmin Rivas. Back row: Melanie Savaria, Tammy Murphy, Mandi Bruce, Beth Peck, Vivian Ortiz, Coach Tom Kruzeck.

Junior Varsity Softball: Front row: Maryanne Beck, Tina Farland, Tammy Despres, Kelly Brown, Nicole Laporte, Stacy Cygan. Second row: Tricia Murphy, Nicole Bastien, Carla Partlow, Janet Lopez. Back row: Jennifer Graf, Justine Munson, Kimberly Caron, Damarys Fernandez, Coach Greg Tucker.

Serving Up Wins

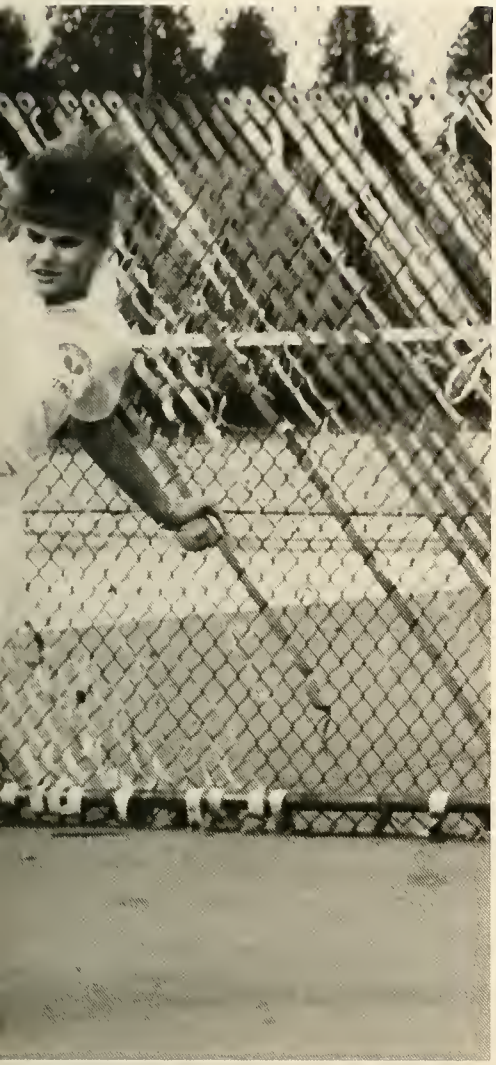
After field hockey and girls' basketball triumphs, the girls' tennis team was determined to keep going. And that's what they did, as newly appointed coach Lorraine Gately led her team to victory in the Border Conference and a respectable showing in the Districts. Boys' tennis was not as on the ball, but they certainly improved over last year's team.

Santino Tiberii charges toward the net.

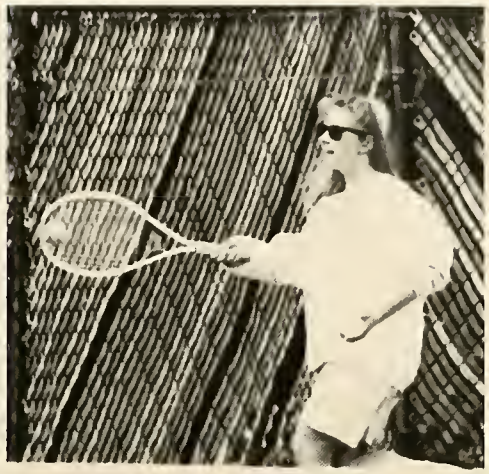


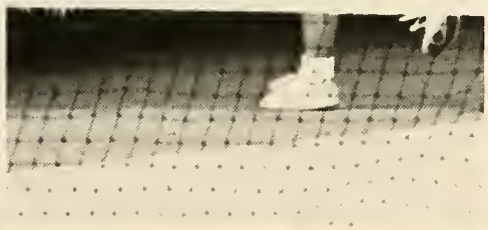
With a powerful forehand, Nicholas Polakowski returns an opponent's volley.

Laurie Lepage's swift backhand repels a serve.



Gabrielle Poirier continues a volley during practice at the Bay Path courts.

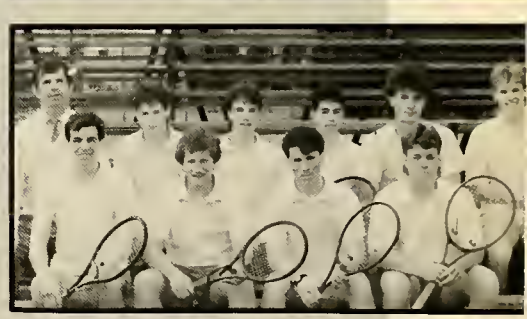




Steve L'Heureux keeps his gaze on the ball during a set.

Jennifer Ferron leans back before returning a serve during a warm-up.

Girls' Tennis: Front row: Jennifer Ferron, Laurie Lepage, Robyn Lebel, Margo Partlow, Gabrielle Poirier. Back row: Alison Bartlett, Kristyn LeBlanc, Lauren Fontana, Laura Ferron, Coach Lorraine Gately.



Boys' Tennis: Front row: Gerhard Marcinkowski, Gregory Poulin, Steve L'Heureux, Judah Emery. Back row: Coach James Kane, Brian Dunleavy, Derek Dunn, Santino Tiberii, Wojiech Ciemiega, Nicholas Polakowski.

End Of Year Fun

Spring fever hits virtually everyone, especially seniors. Witness the senior slump. In addition, upperclassmen have the option of attending the Senior Banquet on Boston Harbor, where they can experience the wonder of moonlight dining on The Spirit Of Boston. Another choice is an excursion to Florida and the magic of Grad Nite. While here, seniors can tour the Magic Kingdom or spend the day at River Country. But when the park closes, seniors from the entire country can dance to live performers such as Will To Power, New Kids On The Block, and Samantha Fox.

There's time for one last snapshot before boarding the bus.

Thomas Allard and Aaron Benoit take in some Florida sun.

Spring '89!

Sleep is a welcome luxury on a 24-hour bus ride.

Friendship and hairspray are all one needs to brave the elements.

Tracy McDonald and Madelyn Cruz share a final photo with their class adviser and friend, Mrs. Diane Allard.

The senior guys wait patiently for their entrees.

Prom Is Revamped

The 1989 prom saw some remarkable changes with the junior class. Of course, the usual gowns, tuxes, and limos were still there, but their venue had changed. After voting on the theme "Hold On To The Nights", the prom committee voted to move the prom to Hogan Center, on the Holy Cross campus. Another category in the royalty divisions was instituted as well. Along with the traditional King and Queen, there would be a Prince and Princess. These changes helped to inject the prom with a vitality to make it a night all would hold on to.

Michelle Meunier and Kristin Dall applaud the royalty selections.

Darcy Ceccarelli dances solo.

Oudone Vongkaysone shares a slow dance with his date.

Toby Szczygiel and Jeff Proulx get into the groove.

From the top: Jeannine Savageau, Kara Kokoszka, Tracy McDonald, Casandra Misiaszek, Tammy Jacques, Nicole Hamel, Stacey Tremblay (each with escort), Queen Eneida Alvarado, Rico Giovanello, Melissa Wonderlie, King Jason Lazo.

King Jason Lazo with Melissa Wonderlie

Queen Eneida Alvarado with Rico Giovanello

Prince Daniel Cournoyer with Princess Jennifer Lavallee

Grads Rained On

For underclassmen, Class Day is simply another day of senior homage — an eternity of awards, applause, remember when's, applause, wills, applause, prophechies, and more applause. But for the seniors, it is a pre-graduation farewell to-high school friends and teachers — a dress rehearsal for G-day.

As it turned out, no amount of rehearsal would prepare the seniors for the surprise storm that soaked McMahon Field and forced the commencement that had already begun indoors.

Jeremy Cloutier towels off after an unexpected shower.

After leaving the gym, a graduate exits with her diploma to a sunny surprise.

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